

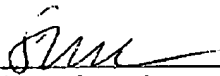
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Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 10/790,224

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
L-ARGININE OR L-LYSINE BY
FERMENTATION

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2005, which set a 1-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, applicants hereby elect **Group I, claims 3 and 4**, drawn to a coryneform bacterium wherein glutamine synthetase activity is enhanced by mutating the adenylylation site of a glutamine synthetase. This election is made with traverse as applicants assert that it would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner, nor constitute a non-coextensive search, to examine all the claims together.

If Examiner Odell believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, she is invited to call on the number below.


It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of

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time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the undersigned hereby authorizes any fees for said petition be charged to our deposit account 50-3077.

Respectfully submitted,



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